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UNDEFEATED CARRIBEAN CAPER TOPS SATURDAY'S \$275,000 DOGWOOD

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021) – Columbine Stable's undefeated 3-year-old filly **Carribean Cap**er will attempt to land her fifth consecutive victory Saturday as the likely favorite in the 46th running of the \$275,000 Dogwood Stakes (Listed) at Churchill Downs.

The seven-furlong Dogwood drew a compact field of seven 3-year-old fillies and was carded as Race 8 with a post time of 4:22 p.m. (all times Eastern). Saturday's 11-race card features a stakes trio including the inaugural runnings of the \$275,000 Bourbon Trail and \$275,000 Harrods Creek, both for 3-year-olds. First post is 12:45 p.m.

Trained by **Al Stall Jr.**, Carribean Cap^{er} began her career at Fair Grounds with a scintillating eight-length score. The daughter of Speightstown then cruised to a 4 ½-length first-level allowance victory at Keeneland. Following three months away from the races, Carribean Cap^{er} returned in a conditioned allowance event at Ellis Park where she dominated four rivals by 4 ½ lengths. In her most recent start, the Kentucky-bred defeated **Magic Quest** by one-length in the \$100,000 Audubon Oaks at Ellis. **Colby Hernandez**, who has been aboard Carribean Cap^{er} for all four of her lifetime starts, will ride from post No. 2.

Saturday's Dogwood field also includes **Joel Politi's Li'l Tootsie** and **Let It Ride Stables' Shesa Mystery**, who are both graded stakes placed in their young careers.

The complete Dogwood field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Coppelia** (Martin Garcia, Phil Bauer); Carribean cap^{er} (Hernandez, Stall); **Li'l Tootsie** (James Graham, Tom Amoss); **Malloy** (Joe Talamo, Wayne Catalano); **Shesa Mystery** (Miguel Mena, Jeff Hiles); **Patty H** (Julien Leparoux, Mike Miceli); and **Someone Said So** (Adam Beschizza, Coty Rosin).

Racing at Churchill Downs continues Thursday-Sunday. Thursday's eight-race card has a first post of 5 p.m. for Twilight Thursday presented by Blue Moon. The evening features \$1 Blue Moon and select domestic beer, local food trucks and live music from **Kr8vN8vs**. Racing on Friday-Sunday will have a first post of 12:45 p.m. Tickets and more information for racing this week can be found at www.ChurchillDowns.com/tickets.

Fans who are unable to make it to Churchill Downs for the races can download and watch all the action on the **Churchill Downs LIVE app**. The Churchill Downs LIVE app is available free of charge on Amazon, Apple TV and Roku and features full access to the HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the Saddling Paddock.

Select action from Saturday's card at Churchill Downs are also scheduled to air from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Fox Sports 2 as part of "**America's Day at the Races**."

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GRADE III WINNER KING FURY TOPS \$275,000 BOURBON TRAIL – **Three Chimneys Farm's** 2021 Lexington Stakes (Grade III) winner **King Fury** headlines a field of seven 3-year-olds that were entered in Saturday's inaugural running of the \$275,000 Bourbon Trail Stakes at Churchill Downs.

The Bourbon Trail, run at 1 3/16 miles, will go as Race 9 at 4:55 p.m. First post is 12:45 p.m. The Saturday program also features the \$275,000 Dogwood (Listed) and \$275,000 Harrods Creek.

King Fury has run against some of the nation's top 3-year-old colts this year, including his most-recent fifth-place effort behind top Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) rated horse **Essential Quality** in the \$1.25 million Travers (GI). Trained by **Kenny McPeck**, the son of Curlin broke his maiden at Churchill Downs on debut and scored a half-length victory in the \$98,000 Street Sense last fall. King Fury's 3-year-old campaign includes a 2 3/4-length victory in the \$200,000 Lexington (GIII) and a runner-up finish to **Masqueparade** in the \$500,000 Ohio Derby (GIII). King Fury will be reunited with jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** for Saturday's race, who has been aboard the chestnut colt for all three of his victories. The duo will break from post No. 4.

Also entered in the Bourbon Trail is **Rupp Racing's** stakes winner **Gagetown**. Trained by **Brad Cox**, Gagetown most recently finished third in the \$250,000 St. Louis Derby and \$250,000 Iowa Derby. The son of Exaggerator won the \$50,000 Prairie Mile in June. **Martin Garcia** will ride from the rail.

The complete field for the Bourbon Trail from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): Gagetown (Garcia, Cox); **King's Ovation** (Joe Talamo, Dale Romans); **Dr Jack** (Tyler Gaffalione, Todd Pletcher); King's Fury (Hernandez, McPeck); **Angkor** (Adam Beschizza, Phil Bauer); **Bourbon Thunder** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes); and **Sermononthemount** (James Graham, Tom Amoss).

ST. LOUIS DERBY RUNNER-UP IRISH UNITY TOPS \$275,000 HARRODS CREEK – Clearview Stable's recent \$250,000 St. Louis Derby runner-up **Irish Unity** tops a competitive field of 10 3-year-old colts and geldings that was entered in Saturday's first-running of the \$275,000 Harrods Creek at Churchill Downs.

The seven-furlong Harrods Creek will go as Race 10 with a post time of 5:26 p.m. First post for the 11-race program is 12:45 p.m. Along with the Harrods Creek, the Saturday card will feature the \$275,000 Dogwood (Listed) and the \$275,000 Bourbon Trail.

Irish Unity, conditioned by North American and Churchill Downs' all-time leading trainer **Steve Asmussen**, has not finished worse than second in four career starts. The consistent son of Pioneerof the Nile won his first two starts in June at Lone Star prior to shipping to Asmussen's Kentucky string. The homebred finished second to **Beaver Hat** in a conditioned allowance event at Ellis Park before his runner-up effort to **Flash of Mischief** in last month's St. Louis Derby. **Brian Hernandez Jr.** will have the return mount from post No. 7.

Also entered in the Harrods Creek is **Wayne Davis'** four-time Louisiana-based gelding **Emerald Forest**. Trained by **Shane Wilson**, Emerald Forest dominated his two most recent starts by a combined 18 lengths at Evangeline Downs and Louisiana Downs. In those starts, Emerald Forest earned stout Brisnet.com speed ratings of 100 and 105, respectively. **Jose Guerrero**, who's based at Louisiana Downs, will travel to Kentucky for the mount and will break from post 5.

The complete field for the Harrods Creek from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Dreamer's Disease** (David Cohen, Robertino Diodoro); **Ram** (Rafael Bejarano, D. Wayne Lukas); **Bob's Edge** (Adam Beschizza, Larry Jones); **He'smyhoneybadger** (Martin Garcia, Brad Cox); Emerald Forest (Guerrero, Wilson); **Shadow Matter** (Corey Lanerie, Dallas Stewart); Irish Unity (Hernandez, Asmussen); **Wolfie's Dynaghost** (Tyler Gaffalione, Tom Albertrani); **Flags Up** (James Graham, Jimmy Baker); and **Everett's Song** (Pablo Morales, Dale Bennett).

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